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CYBER UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up a 'Cyber University' in collaboration with some foreign country is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Mumbai is also being considered by the Government for opening of the said University; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) A proposal for establishment of a Indo-French Center of e- learning and research called Indo-French Cyber University is under active consideration of the Government in co-operation with French Government.The Cyber University will be devoted to information exchanges between India and France in the field of education, training, transfer of technology and research.

In the first phase, the disciplines/courses identified for development of content and delivery of instruction to students through cyber mode are : i) Applied Mathematics ii) Information Technology iii) Computer Engineering iv) Design Engineering, v) Aeronautical Engineering, vi) Control Engineering vii) Management viii) Environment ix) Teaching of French Language x) Teaching of Hindi Language. The learning resource material will be developed jointly by Indian and French institutions. The content of the curriculum of the above said disciplines/courses will be at the level of postgraduate and research courses. Courses of Hindi and French languages will be offered through distance mode at appropriate level.

Initially, no degrees will be awarded by the Cyber University. However academic credits will be provided by the participating institutions for the courses which are going to be conducted by the Cyber University. After sufficient progress, the decision regarding awarding of degrees will be taken jointly by Government of India and France.

(c) & (d) The institutions in India and France are yet to be identified for participation in the Cyber University having expertise and excellence in the above said fields for particular discipline/course.